

Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Stuart, Public Safety Chair at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**

| Members | Present/Absent | Others Present |
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| Aldersperson Erica Stuart, Chair | P | Patrick Reese, Police Chief |
| Aldersperson Gene Lewis | P | Jason Sergeant, City Administrator |
| Aldersperson Susan Becker | P | Carolyn Kleisch, Acting EMS Chief Bill Lathrop, Evansville Today Quinn Bennett, EVPD Support Services Shannon Arndt, Ceili Coffee Andrea Jean Hance, Ceili Coffee Patricia Fleming, resident John Peterson, resident Nancy Peterson, resident |

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda by Stuart, seconded by Becker** with changes to 7B. Motion should read, “the Original Alcohol Beverage License applications” not “Renewal.” **Motion passes 3-0.**
4. **Motion to approve the August 3, 2022 Public Safety regular meeting minutes by Stuart, seconded by Becker** with changes to item 2, Chief Reese being removed from the record as being in attendance. And punctuation changes to item 8. **Motion passes 3-0.**
5. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.**

Bill Lathrop, Evansville Today, 468 W Main Street wanted to bring up the topic of the tenant living in the City’s Municipal Parking Lot. Mr. Lathrop would like the Committee to take an intentional approach to the topic, as currently no Ordinance allows (or not) situations such as this. Chief Reese has offered to research the topic for committee review. Becker agreed a policy or ordinance should be in place.

Shannon Arndt, Ceili Coffee, 16 W Main St, requested committee reconsideration for approval or a temporary license for an Operator’s License Applicant that was denied at the August 3rd meeting, for her employee, Andrea Jean Hance. No action was taken and staff will contact the applicant when a decision is made after hearing from the City Attorney.

John Peterson, resident at 111 W Main St, played an audio recording of church bells that rang in his backyard for over 6 hours. Mr. Peterson states that due to the lack of a Noise Ordinance in the City this lead to Disturbing of the Peace. Chairperson Stuart gave her appreciation for him attending the meeting and explained decimal is hard to calibrate which is why many municipalities do not have such ordinances.

Nancy Peterson, resident at 111 W Main St, wanted to know what discussions have occurred since the bell ringing occurred, and when discussions do occur, she would like to be notified. Mrs. Peterson shared the incident caused her both emotional and physical stress. Alderperson Lewis agreed and shared his opinion that it was disruptive and due to the 6-hour duration, it no longer constitutes as Freedom of Speech. Chief Reese will look into what ordinances other municipalities have and what language the City could use.

Patricia Fleming resident, 800 Brown School Rd, expressed her concerns of ATV/UTVs on the roadway. Her apprehensions include safety concerns with differing regulations between the DNR and DOT in regards to OWI/DUIS and the age demographic of residents on her road. Alderperson Lewis thanked Ms. Fleming for sharing her concerns as validation of his own reservations on the matter.

6. Old Business. -None

7. New Business.

- 1) **Motion to approve the Operator's License Application(s) for: (recommended by Evansville Police Department unless otherwise noted) 1) Alexya Wood 2) Jessica Ross 3) Drew Thompson 4) Sarah M Kilps 5) Kacy Bott 6) Connor Baumberger – (non recommendation) by Stuart, seconded by Becker.** Chief Reese informed the committee discussion occurred surrounding the non recommendation of Mr. Baumberger prior to the meeting therefore a second application was submitted by the applicant. With this new information the committee decided to take no action until they can review the second application. **Chairperson Stuart withdrew her motion. A new motion was made.**

Motion to approve the Operator's License Application(s) for: (recommended by Evansville Police Department unless otherwise noted) 1) Alexya Wood 2) Jessica Ross 3) Drew Thompson 4) Sarah M Kilps 5) Kacy Bott, by Stuart, seconded by Becker. Motion passes 3-0.

- B. **Motion to recommend to the Common Council approval of the Renewal Original Alcohol Beverage License applications for a Class B Beer/Class B Liquor License for: (background check recommendations by Evansville Police Department unless otherwise noted) by Stuart, seconded by Becker.** Motion passes 3-0.

- 1) **Ceili, LLC, Shannon R. Arndt, Agent**, 414 Meadow Lane, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Ceili Coffee and Wine, 16 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 2) **Slice Golf LLC, Andrew Tomlin, Agent**, 300 S 1st Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Slice Golf, 1 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.

8. **Evansville Police Department Report.** Chief Reese read his written monthly report covering the training for officers, community outreach, updates in the department, staffing matters, and accreditation.
9. **Evansville Emergency Medical Services Report.** Interim Chief Kleisch read her written monthly report covering the training, community outreach, updates in the department and staffing matters.
10. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.
11. **Motion to adjourn, by Stuart, seconded by Becker at 7:10 p.m. Motion passes 3-0.**

Erika Stuart, Chairperson